# August 2012 Webcast for District Education

Below is a complete written summary and digital copy (audio and video) of the August 21st, 2012 webcast for District CIOs and Education Technology Leaders.  This month the webcast was conducted from the Eminence Independent school district.

You can get to both the Video and Audio links for this webcast at:

Video and audio   mms://video1.education.ky.gov/DTL_8-21-2012

Downloadable audio podcast   http://media.education.ky.gov/video1/On-Demand2012/DTL_8-21-2012.mp3

**The webcast is approximately 1 hour and 27 minutes.**   The numbers in **red** below indicate the time stamp for discussion on the audio and video segment of the broadcast.

### Summary

**00:15**  **Introductions and information**:  From **KDE** we have **David Couch.  We also have Phil Coleman, Mike Leadingham, and Dede Connor** who are directors at **KIDS**.  Also attending today is **Ginger Kinnard from the Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts** and the **KETS Engineer for Region 4 – Charlotte Chowning.  Andy Liaupsin and Clint Goins** are running the equipment on the other side of the camera**.**

From Eminence Independent we have **Superintendent Buddy Berry, Chief Academic Officer Thom Coffee, and District Education Technology Leader Kim Dawson.**

**The official webpage for the Eminence Independent can be found at:**
**http://www.eminence.k12.ky.us/**

**The Wikipedia entry for the house can be found at:**
**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eminence,_Kentucky**

**1:50** **McAfee DAT file problem:  Phil reviewed a recent problem with one of their updates called a DAT file**.  The one released this past Sunday accidentally disabled a feature of the system that scanned any attachments to make sure the attachment does not have a virus attached to it.  **McAfee has released a fix for it, but the fix is really large and if all the workstations that might be affected were to download the fix - it would cause a network congestion problem.**  The vendor has promised an updated, smaller fix, but it may take a few days to get that in place.  The KIDS staff overnight has made sure that any affected servers have been updated during the off hours.

We will keep everyone advised as we work thru this problem.

**7:58**  **Overview of the Eminence Independent district:**  They have about 650 students in the K-12 program.  They want to be able to innovate to solve educational problems – not just put Band-Aids on them.  They are launching a new program called the **School on Fire (Framework of Innovation for Reinventing Education)** program to form what schools should look like in terms of vision and mission for the end product.  All the staff has been involved in this new process.

They are working with **Bellarmine University** in Louisville in this program that allows some of the more advanced students being able to take classes at Bellarmine during the week. They are allowed to study and do home-work in the trip to the university with buses that have internet access.

Teachers were given technical/professional development months before the students got access to the devices. As groups learned they taught others and helped to increase both student and staff comfort levels using the technologies.

The district wants their students and staff to have mastery of and be ready for college and career training. They use regular formative assessment to make sure they know at what level students are at, they call their **model ICE (Intervention, Connections, and Enrichment)** based upon the common core standards.

Technology does not supersede the vision of college and career readiness.

**22:50 ASSIST update and training: David** noted that as the department rolls out new initiatives we will try to give districts a head up on them.

One of these new programs is the **ASSIST District and School planning tool**. There is Federal and State requirements for technology plans will be a part of this new program.

**Ginger Kinnard** gave an overview of the **ASSIST district and school planning tool**. There is a need from **Senate Bill 1** to get students career and college ready and be able to track that progress.

**ASSIST i**s a school improvement planning tool. It is a web based program and the vendor is **AdvancED.** The goal is to consolidate and simplify planning and organization of multiple plans the state and federal require districts to submit. It will be included in the **Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS)**. It will be a consistent and uniform way around the state of submitting data.

This presentation is embedded below:



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**David** noted that the champion for this program on the district level will be the superintendent. People within the district will need to that champion to get them access rights to the system.

Districts were able to do their Program Reviews in ASSIST starting in **February 2012 in writing, arts and humanities, and practical living and career studies.**
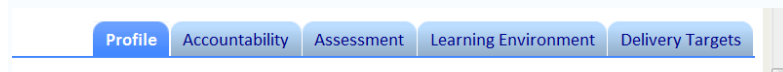
Starting in September - the ASSIST program goes live for all districts of the state. **CSIP/CDIP reports will be done in ASSIST.**

Districts will also have access to various diagnostic tools from the submitted data.

Training will be web–based using WebEx.

**51:00  School Report Card upgrade:  Phil** noted that the upcoming version of the School Report Card is different than in the past in that it will be web based.   The Applications sections in his division are responsible for the new format as a web application.

**DeDe** gave an overview of the new version.  It can be found at: http://appq1.education.ky.gov/src . The new system is still a work in progress as additional information is loaded onto the new system.  The data collection tool is new as well – districts will need to upload certain data that is not collected at the state level.  This information has been sent to district contacts for review.

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Once you pull up the site there will be drop down menus and tabs for the different types of information/profile for each district.  It can be viewed at the school, district, and state level.

**Jay Roberts** is the main contact for the **School Report Card**.  We encourage districts to take a close look at this new version.  It will provide a lot more information than previous versions.  It will go public mid to late October.

**59:58  Offers of Assistance:  Mike** noted that we still plan on giving out the offers as districts send in their Technology Activity Reports.  We have started to get those completed reports and signature pages and will soon start sending out the offers in September which will be **$11 per ADA.**

**E-Rate** – the required technology planning template will still be used even as we start using the ASSIST system in the next year.

**KETS contracts:  Mike** reminded the audience that the **new KIH3 bid is in process** and will be closed at the end of **August on the 31ˢᵗ**.  The goal is to award the new contract in time to be used for e-Rate (December).

The new **Voice and Data contract bid is due to be closed September 20ᵗʰ** – we expect to have the new contract in place in December as well for e-Rate purposes.

**David** mentioned that for the technology questions in the school report card we need the most current information, not a year old data and with the School Report Cards data due in October and the **Technology Readiness Survey (TRS) due on December 1 from the districts**.  We will try to allow districts to update that data as early as possible before then.

**1:07:15  Area Technology Centers to KDE control:**  The 54 Area Technology Centers staff will be transferred from **Workforce Development Cabinet to KDE** per a governor executive order.  We need to make sure that those adults get an email account based either on a KDE email address or better yet, the home district email account as their primary email account.

**Phil** noted that most districts have already created the home district email accounts, but we need to verify.

These changes will affect both the **Kentucky Student Information System (KSIS) and CIITS systems.**

**1:10:16  MUNIS upgrade and visit:  David and Phil** recently visited the primary data site.  We have 131 districts that have moved to the new system, 15 are in the process of moving and we still plan on completing this process by the end of the year.

**1:12:05  P-20 Data System update:**  The next major update will be during the 1st week of November.  Data Quality continues to be an important aspect for these systems.  Districts need to take the lead of making sure that their data is validated, clean, and correct.  IC will be releasing some updated reports that districts in September that can be used by the districts.

**1:12:20  CIITS milestones:  David visited SchoolNet in New York** who provides the CIITS system to the state.  We have had over 500,000 logins since January and 37,000 teacher tests on the system.  The **School Improvement System has added Common Core and PD 360 links** for those tools.

**1:19:24  Infinite Campus (IC):  DeDe** wanted to mention that district need to understand and receive the available training on the Behavior Module that recently was provided by IC.  The data that goes into IC **feed multiple systems such as IC and P-20 and others**.  Districts need to confirm and stand behind their data.  As more state level resources are brought online districts need to confirm that data.

**1:20:43  DeDe mentioned that the Infinite Campus LAPE module will be part of the September release/update – districts need to understand changes with this upgrade.**

**1:21:34  E-transcripts** is still being discussed and we are getting green lights from those concerned.  The major question now would be **"Who Pays"** we are exploring all options.

**1:22:45  Cloud based computing:  David** reminded the audience that Kentucky is a national leader on cloud based computing and our next step would be moving the IC system to the cloud and this effort is probably in our future.  More on this soon.

**Questions:**

> **From:** "McGhee, Diana - Director of Technology and Information"
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> **Date:** August 21, 2012 11:00:09 AM EDT
> **To:** "Coleman, Phil - Director, Division of Operations and Services"
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> **Subject: School Report Cards and Tech Ready - 2 questions**
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> I am both the school report card coordinator and the tech readiness person.  From what I've been told, the new deadline for the school report card is September 21.  With the tech readiness deadline of December 1, am I to report last year's numbers?  Or do I need to "hurry" up and do my yearly inventory.
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> Second question – does the school report card still need to be approved by the SBDMC before the district signs off?
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**Answer:**

1. Our preference is to have most recent data available.  If last year is the most recent data available and there have been no significant changes it is OK.  If district has moved to 1to1 imitative or made substantial investment I would recommend that the count be done so its more accurate.

2. There is not a state requirement that SBDM approve the report card.  Need to check local board policies but KDE will not be requesting this level approval.

**Question:**

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**Subject: ASSIST PowerPoint**

Can we get the PowerPoint that Ginger Kinnard is using today?  Important information!!

Also, some disruptions in webcast right now.

Thanks!

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**PLEASE NOTE – My E-mail address has changed to susan.taylor@calloway.kyschools.us**

**Answer:**  **Please see the document at time point 22:50 where Ginger Kinnard is discussing the ASSIST program.**

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